# United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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| historic John Immel House  |   |   |  |
| and/or common  |   |   |  |
| 2. Location  |   |   |  |
| street & number Flanagan Road  |   |   | not for publication  |
| city, town Myerstown   | vicinity of   | congressional district  | 16   |
| state Pennsylvania coc   | le 42 county  | Lebànon   | <b>code</b> 075  |
| 3. Classification  |   |   |  |
| Category Ownership  district public building(s)                            | StatusX occupied unoccupied work in progress AccessibleX yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no | Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military | museum park X private residence religious scientific transportation other:   |
| 4. Owner of Prope  | rty   |   |  |
| name American - Marietta Co.   |   |   |  |
| street & number 123 S. Broad St.   | Ct. Corp. System  |   |  |
| city, town Philadelphia  | vicinity of   | state   | Pennsylvania   |
| 5. Location of Leg   | al Descripti  | on  |  |
| courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Leba                                   | non County Courthou   | ıse   |  |
| street & number South Eighth Stre  |   |   |  |
|  |   | state   | Pennsylvania   |
| 6. Representation  | in Existing   |   |  |
| Pennsylvania Inventory title of Historic Places                            |   | operty been determined e  | legible? yes no  |
| date November 20, 1978   |   | federal X_ sta  | ate county loca  |
| depository for survey records Pennsyl                                      | vania Historical ar   | nd Museum Commission  | 1  |
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# 7. Description

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## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The John Immel House is a 2 1/2 story L-shaped dwelling. Made of limestone, it is four bays wide and four bays long. The main section of the house measures 32 feet by 32 feet. Large limestone quoins appear. The gable roof with returns, is covered by wooden shingles, at each corner, and inside gable end brick chimneys are located at both peaks. The cornice, which is found on the front and rear of the main section, also extends along the entire eastern side.

There is a small section to the rear of the house which completes the L. Measuring 18 feet by 18 feet, it is 1 1/2 stories with a shed roof and an inside gable end chimney. There is a small entrance porch on the eastern side. On the western side the ends of the floor joists are exposed.

The facade of the house, which contains the main entrance, faces south. This calssically designed entrance in the third bay has a full pediment. The door itself is recessed and is topped by a fan-shaped transom. A date stone is found between the second and third bays on the second story. Set in an arch of interspaced brick and limestone and decorated with a "Pennsylvania Dutch" motif, it reads, "Build by John and Elizabeth Immel 1814."

The wooden window frames on both floors are pegged and have wide keystoned lintels. All first story windows are 2/2; all second story windows are 12/8.

There are four rooms on each floor and a full basement.

Only a small wooden shed remains of the original outbuildings. Foundations are present of a barn as well.

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| Specific dates | 1814   | Builder/Architect   | John Immel   |  |

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Significance

The architectural significance of the Johm Immel House lies in the fact that it is a good example of an early house of the area. This home, with its classical details, had a good location, being situated near the now abandoned Union Canal. Built by the descendent of one of the original Palatinate immigrants, it is a typical farmhouse, of this region, built of the limestone which is so abundant in the area. The Immels were a very influential family in Myerstown, serving in various governmental and religious positions.

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